

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above Amendment and the discussion below.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Baudlot while claims 1, 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Chmela et al. Claim 5 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to this rejection, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to contain the limitations of allowable claim 5 with claims 2-4 now depending from independent allowable claim 1. Additionally, new claims 6-8 have been added, which further limit amended independent claim 1. The limitations of claims 6-8 are fully supported by the originally filed specification, and thus no new matter has been added.


Therefore, in accordance with the above Amendment to incorporate allowable subject matter into independent claim form, Applicants respectfully request that this application containing claims 1-4 and 6-9 be allowed and be passed to issue.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.50830C1).

Respectfully submitted,

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